



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AT 2:00 PM

Chairperson

Barbara Carey-Shuler,
Ed.D.

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 29, 2004

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STREET/SUNSET DRIVE TO SW 70TH STREET IN ROAD IMPACT FEE
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RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$500 TO BE PROVIDED TO
THE STATEWIDE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
ACTIVITIES

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- BAY LINK PRESENTATION

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- MPO BOARD MEMBERS
- COUNTY MANAGER
- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)
- MPO SECRETARIAT

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Non-Voting Members

(FDOT District 6)

John Martinez, P.E.

Gary L. Donn, P.E.

County Mayor

Alex Penelas

County Manager

George M. Burgess

Surface Transportation Manager

Carlos F. Bonzon

Ph.D., P.E.

MPO Secretariat

Jose Luis Mesa, Ph.D.

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PLEASE SUBMIT AGENDA ITEMS TO THE MPO SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004. ITEMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S AGENDA.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Sorenson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro	Joe A. Martinez
Betty T. Ferguson	Dennis C. Moss
Shirley M. Gibson	Dorin D. Rolle
Perla T. Hantman	Natacha Seijas
Sally A. Heyman	Javier D. Souto
M. Ronald Krongold	Darryl K. Sharpton
Chair Barbara Carey-Shuler	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Surface Transportation Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the July 29, 2004 minutes and Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on CTAC activities. He informed the Board that CTAC was grateful to the Director of the Center for Haitians Studies, Dr. Larry Pierre, for hosting the August 25th full CTAC meeting. He further informed the Board that FDOT staff provided the Committee with an introduction to the SunGuide, 511, and the Ramp Metering of I-95 projects. Also FDOT staff presented the Livable Communities Initiative to the committee. He then stated that Mr. Frank Talleda, Miami-Dade Transit, provided CTAC with an update on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Metrorail Station progress. He concluded by stating that CTAC passed several resolutions for the MPO Board's approval that he will bring to the next MPO Board meeting as action items.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report given by the Committee.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver provided the Board with a brief update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC passed a resolution recommending that the Bike & Ride permit be eliminated and replaced with an educational outreach program that will inform people about the correct way to board with bikes on Metrobus and Metrorail. He also stated that BPAC expressed its gratitude with the level of greenways, sidewalks and trail projects that are included in the Building Better Communities Bond Program. He concluded by stating that BPAC participated in the prioritization of the projects that are funded through the Transportation Enhancements Program.

4. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the FTAC committee membership was still too low to start meeting and that the MPO will place an ad in the papers requesting volunteers to submit resumes. He concluded by stating that interested citizens' information will be forwarded to MPO Board member's staff once they are received.

Board Member Heyman appointed Ms. Silvia Bernstein to FTAC.

5. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Ms. Magaret Pulles, MDX, provided the Board with a brief update on MDX's community involvement activities. Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects in the MDX Status Report. *(A copy of this report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Seijas thanked MDX for their assistance in providing transponders to residents in Miami-Dade County that could not afford them.

Board Member Moss requested that MDX provide the Board with a presentation on the scheduled Extension at 137th Avenue.

Board Member Heyman expressed concern with the amount of graffiti on the signs along I-95. Mr. Donn responded that FDOT was responsible for cleaning the graffiti on the signs along I-95. He further stated that FDOT has funds programmed in the Work Program to address this issue. He concluded by stating that he would let FDOT's maintenance department know of the problem.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

a. FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF LANES FOR SW 157TH AVENUE FROM SW 72ND STREET/SUNSET DRIVE TO SW 70TH STREET IN ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5 (PUBLIC HEARING)

Board Member J. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. FY 2005 MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AWARDING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS FOR STUDIES THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

Board Member Seijas asked what happens when the studies are completed and do they report their findings to the MPO. She further asked the status of the City of Miami Lakes Transportation Masterplan that received MPO funding in 2003. Mr. Mesa responded that once the studies are completed

the results are presented to the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) and copies of the studies are kept at the MPO Secretariat. He further responded that the City of Miami Lakes completed their Transportation Masterplan in March 2004. He concluded by stating that the MPO staff will provide a copy of the study to her office.

Board Member Gibson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

b. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) PRIORITIES

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT RANKINGS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Board Member Seijas requested information on the scope of work for the Town of Miami Lakes Ludlam Road Beautification Project and its current ranking in the TEP priorities. Mr. Mesa responded that the project was not recommended. He further stated that staff would provide a copy of the application for this project which would provide greater detail on the proposed project scope.

Board Member Hantman expressed concern with the City of Miami Lakes Ludlam Project not being recommended. She concluded by requesting a briefing on this Project.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Board Member Rolle stated that for several years he has requested landscaping along I-95 from 79th Street to 119th Street. He concluded by asking which program is responsible for funding this project and the time frame in which the project is scheduled to begin. Mr. Donn responded that the project is programmed in the FDOT Work Program. He further stated that the Department has been providing enhancement improvements along I-95 in segments. He concluded by stating that he would verify the scheduled year for the 79th Street segment and provide that information to Board Member Rolle.

c. REQUEST BY MPOAC: LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$500 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE STATEWIDE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MPOAC) FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

6. INFORMATION ITEM

a. BAY LINK PROJECT PRESENTATION

(A short video on the project was presented to the Board. Contact the MPO Secretariat to view this video).

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that staff would require guidance from the Board on how to proceed regarding this project. He concluded by stating that the City of Miami Beach has a straw vote scheduled on the November 2nd ballot.

Board Member Barreiro expressed concern with the light rail system's ability to operate efficiently in Miami Beach on a weekend night. He further stated that a dedicated lane is only available on the causeway and not on Miami Beach or downtown Miami. He concluded by stating that overhead wiring for the light rail is also a concern in the event of a hurricane. He further concluded by stating that there is a need for better coordination to limit the amount of duplication in our transportation service areas.

Board Member Souto requested the cost of a light rail car versus the number of electric buses that could be purchased for the same dollars.

Mr. Phil Smelley, Parson Brinkenhoff Quade and Douglas, stated that each train car cost \$2 million and 21 train cars are needed to operate the light rail system. Dr. Bonzon added that each bus costs \$250,000.

Board Member Krongold requested a copy of the study, that shows the impact that Bay Link would have on the congestion level in Miami Beach traffic, be sent to the City of Miami Beach Council.

Vice Chairperson Sorenson requested that a copy of the study and any additional information pertaining to the Bay Link project be included in the MPO agenda packet the next time this item is scheduled on the MPO agenda.

Board Member Heyman stated that a study from Oregon regarding their light rail system has demonstrated that the system had surpassed their ridership expectations. She further stated that the study showed the cost savings involved in mass transit as a result of the light rail system. She concluded by requesting that the maintenance and expected operational costs should also be included in the MPO agenda packet.

7. REPORTS

a. MEMBERS

Board Member Moss stated that the Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB) will likely submit a proposal to the MPO Board to support a study that would determine the feasibility of replacing the wall along US-1 adjacent to the Museum of Science. He concluded by stating that it is important that all of the stakeholders in the area are involved in the process.

b. MANAGER

c. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

d. SECRETARIAT

(There was no discussion on Items 7.b-d)

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.